

21—1.2 (159) Consumer protection and industry services division. In addition to the duties outlined in subrule 1.1(4), the director of the consumer protection and industry services division advises the secretary of activities and any impending or potential problems that have come to the attention of the division's personnel. The bureaus and laboratories under the supervision of the consumer protection and industry services division are as follows:

1.2(1) Grain warehouse bureau. This bureau licenses, inspects and examines grain dealers and grain warehouse facilities and reviews financial statements of licensees to ensure compliance with requirements, including payment of fees into the grain indemnity fund. The bureau also reviews claims made against the fund and makes recommendations on those claims to the grain indemnity fund board, upon which the board takes action.

1.2(2) Weights and measures bureau. This bureau inspects and licenses for commercial use all weights and measures or weighing and measuring devices; conducts petroleum products sampling and testing, tests and certifies antifreeze, and conducts random package and labeling inspections of products offered for sale; registers and licenses all service agencies and persons who service or repair commercial weighing and measuring devices; approves or rejects all blueprints on new scale installations; and approves or rejects bonds for scale installation. The bureau maintains the state metrology laboratory and, following the rules and regulations of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and using the weights and measures standards that are traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, adjusts, certifies, and seals weights and measures used by state inspectors, commercial repairers and private industry. The bureau deals with renewable fuels and coproducts by facilitating increased production and consumption of products made from Iowa's agricultural commodities and by encouraging production and use of renewable fuels and coproducts.

1.2(3) Entomology and seed laboratory. This laboratory licenses establishments selling or distributing seeds that are sold for agricultural purposes; controls the movement of serious insect pests and plant diseases, including those under federal quarantine; and inspects nursery stock growers and dealers.

1.2(4) Agricultural diversification and market development bureau. This bureau processes applications for organic certification and works closely with the Iowa organic standards board to ensure approval of those applications that meet state and federal regulations. This bureau provides marketing opportunities for diversified agricultural products throughout the state.

1.2(5) Agricultural marketing bureau. This bureau works with the various boards of Iowa agricultural organizations to assist and support their respective marketing efforts. The bureau also seeks new opportunities to assist Iowa's private firms to find markets for their products. Additionally, the bureau provides Iowa livestock and grain producers with essential market information on a timely basis through the market news reporting service, a joint effort with the United States Department of Agriculture.

1.2(6) Audit bureau. This bureau analyzes reports filed by feed and fertilizer companies for fees paid into the general fund of the state. The bureau also makes audits to check for compliance with check-off law for the commodity promotion boards.

1.2(7) Horse and dog bureau. This bureau promotes the Iowa horse and dog breeding industry by registering qualified Iowa-foaled horses and Iowa-whelped dogs and working in cooperation with the racing industry. The bureau administers the payment of breeder awards to the breeders of qualified winning horses and dogs.

1.2(8) Horticulture and farmers' market bureau. This bureau includes the following units:

a. Horticulture. This unit lends direction, continuity, leadership, and administrative services and guidance to the Iowa horticulture industry. The horticulture unit works with the Iowa State Horticultural Society to promote and encourage horticulture with the individual affiliate groups and the Iowa State Horticultural Society as a whole. The unit identifies and helps determine the market potential for horticultural crops such as ornamental plants, fruits and vegetables, Christmas trees, herbs, mushrooms, grapes, nuts, and turf products. The horticulture unit monitors the conditions of the industry and identifies, collects, and distributes pertinent information concerning horticulture and related interests.

The unit acts as a resource for horticultural producers and provides referrals for assistance in marketing, production, financial aid, disaster programs, and regulatory issues. The horticulture unit acts as a liaison between industry organizations, other state and federal agencies, universities, noncommercial horticultural groups, and the agricultural community.

b. Farmers' markets. This unit assists in the organization and improvement of farmers' markets throughout the state. The unit collects and distributes information pertinent to the markets and provides market managers assistance in vendor recruitment, market promotion, and regulatory issues.

c. Farmers' market nutrition programs. This unit administers programs designed to provide a supplemental source of fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables for women, infants, and children, seniors, and other clients; and to increase the production, distribution, and consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables.

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